Morton Grove Public Library

INFO

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From the Librarian's desk . . . .

The Morton Grove Public Library (MGPL) is frequently complimented on its efficient, cheerful, helpful staff and expansive collection of books, magazines, compact discs, cassettes and other materials. Unseen and unnoticed, however, is the important supplementary role which the North Suburban Library System (NSLS) plays in our success in meeting the public's needs.

Established in 1966, NSLS is one of eighteen regional cooperative library systems in Illinois funded by the state to provide services beyond the scope of the average public library. These systems enable local libraries to supplement their services and materials without unnecessary duplication. NSLS services include interlibrary loan, backup reference service, services for the blind and physically handicapped, and copies of magazines articles supplied through the Central Serials Service.

MGPL's participation in this multi-library system gives local users ready access to hundreds of thousands of additional volumes beyond the Library's own collection. Patrons can either borrow items directly from the other libraries, or request the needed materials through Interlibrary Loan. In the latter case, the items are sent to MGPL for pick-up. All interlibrary loan requests are reviewed to determine if the requested item should be added to the Library's collection. This review, along with the purchase of specific items in response to patron requests, are two of the ways the Library staff ensures that our collection continues to meet our users' needs.

Initially located on Dempster Street in Morton Grove, NSLS moved to permanent facilities in Wheeling in the mid-'70s. However, one major part of NSLS, the Central Serials Service (CSS), is still housed in the Morton Grove Public Library. CSS provides NSLS libraries with photocopies of magazines articles for magazines to which the library does not subscribe. Such service is necessary since no library could even begin to subscribe to the thousands of magazines, technical

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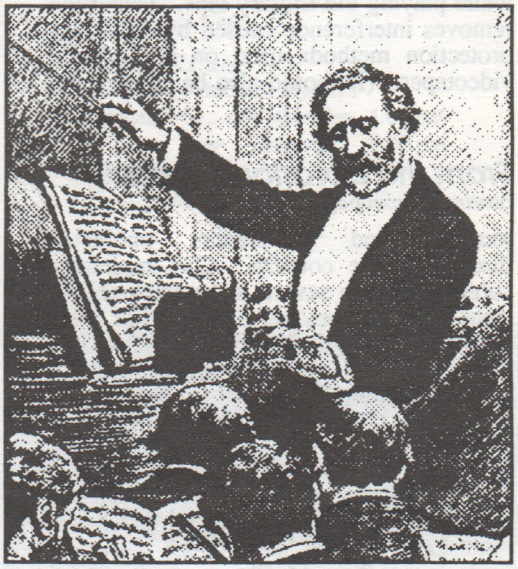
Lyric Opera programs continue

The celebration of the 35th Lyric Opera season in Chicago continues at the Morton Grove Public Library with two opera lectures sponsored by the Skokie Valley Chapter.



On Sunday, November 5, at 2:00, the opera ***Don Carlo*** by Verdi will be discussed by Dr. Albert Cirillo, Professor of English at Northwestern University. The series will conclude with a lecture on the Johann Strauss favorite, ***Die Fledermaus***, presented by Anita Kallman of the Lyric Opera Lecture Corps on Sunday, December 3, at 2:00.

Both lectures will include musical excerpts from the operas and refreshments served by the Skokie Valley Chapter. Please come and enjoy these entertaining lectures which so greatly enhance the understanding and appreciation of the opera.

Holiday travelogue features the Schnickelfritzers

The annual Holiday Travelogue will be presented at the Library on Tuesday, December 12, at 7:30, and once again will feature ***Freddie Fischer and his Schnickelfritzers*** playing German and holiday music. Travel films on Germany will be included and refreshments will be served at the close of the program.

A travelogue of films only will be presented at 11:30 that day, with coffee and cookies.

Book review: Garden of Lies

Sometimes, a short impulsive act can change lives and destinies forever. ***Garden of Lies***, a novel by Eileen Goudge, tells about one such reckless act, and it will be reviewed by Library staffer Barbara Todd on Sunday, November 12, at 2:30 and repeated on Thursday, November 16, at 2:30.

This intriguing novel moves from the streets of Manhattan to the jungles of Vietnam and back again, culminating in a courtroom drama where the dark secret of *Garden of Lies* is finally revealed. Come and enjoy an afternoon of powerful drama at the Library!

Holiday hours

The Library will be closed the following days for the holidays: Thursday, Nov. 23, Thanksgiving; Sunday, Dec. 24, Christmas Eve; Monday, Dec. 25, Christmas Day; Sunday, Dec. 31, New Year's Eve; and Monday, Jan. 1, New Year's Day.

The Library will be **open** regular hours (9-5) on the Saturdays before Christmas and New Year's, Dec. 23 and Dec. 30.

Cures for your videotape problems

Library patrons borrow nearly 1,000 videotapes in an average month, and an increasing number are being returned with complaints that they didn't work well. Usually, the problem is snow or lines on the screen. Yet when these "problem" tapes are played on the Library's VCR or on the VCRs of Library staff members, virtually all of them work fine, leading us to believe that the problem lies in the patron's VCR or TV.

If you have a problem with a Library video, see if the problem also exists when playing one of your own tapes. If so, the problem is in your VCR or TV. If not, try adjusting the tracking control of your VCR while playing the Library tape. This often removes interference caused by the copy-protection methods used on commercial videotapes. (It should also be pointed out that the copying of commercial videotapes is a violation of federal copyright law, and can damage both the tape and your VCR.)

Also remember that videotapes can be damaged by heat and magnetic fields. They should not be left in parked cars or other hot places, and should not be placed near any device that generates a magnetic field, such as a television or stereo speaker.

The Library is pleased to be able to provide videotape service to our patrons. Following the guidelines above should increase your enjoyment of Library videos. If, after following the trouble-shooting tips in the second paragraph, you still have an un-watchable tape, please report the problem when you return the video.

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journals and newsletters published throughout the country. CSS maintains subscriptions to several thousand publications normally beyond the scope of most public libraries, and searches hundreds of public and university libraries for those publications to which it does not subscribe.

NSLS is governed by a board composed of trustees from the boards of member libraries. The board recently appointed Sarah Ann Long as the new NSLS Director, replacing Robert McClarren who retired after serving as Director since the system's founding.

Sharron L. McCoy
Library Director

Attention collectors!

The Library needs exhibitors to fill the small display case on the main floor beginning in January, 1990. Each month a different collection is featured. Past displays have ranged from miniature elephants to Toby jugs and matchboxes. Virtually any type of collection is acceptable, as long as the items fit in the 6" high case. Please call Barbara Geyer at 965-4220 if you have a collection you would like to display.

Area code change

Beginning Saturday, November 11, the Chicago suburbs, including Morton Grove, will be in area code **708** instead of 312. After that date only the city of Chicago will be 312; all other former 312 areas will be 708. According to Illinois Bell, calls between Chicago and the suburbs will not increase in cost — they will still be billed as local calls, not long distance. So, if you're one of the many Morton Grove residents who calls the library from work for reference service, remember to include the area code if you're calling from Chicago: **1-708-965-4220**. And if you're not familiar with the services offered by the library's Reference Department, give us a call the next time you need information from an out-of-state telephone book, business or population statistics for the report you're writing, or a relevant quote for your next presentation.

Happy Thanksgiving!

In the Baxter Room....

Lunchtime Movies

The Tuesday short film program, *Lunchtime Movies*, will feature films on Switzerland, Australia, Leonardo daVinci, Aaron Copland, and other interesting subjects in November and December. Free coffee will be served and patrons are invited to bring their lunch at 11:30 every Tuesday (except December 26 — there will be no Lunchtime Movies the day after Christmas.)

Art exhibit

The Library is pleased to exhibit the work of Joseph Fettingis in the Baxter Room during the month of December.

Mr. Fettingis is a Chicago artist who specializes in watercolors. He has exhibited widely in the Chicago area.

Book Discussion

Everyone is invited to join in the Library's Book Discussion on the second Friday of every month at 10 am.

A survey of the newest fiction and non-fiction is presented by Barbara Todd. Coffee and goodies accompany the discussion.

The romantic comedy, *Say Anything*, will be shown on Monday, November 13, at 2:30 and 7:30. This intelligent film tells a gentle story about love, honesty and family values. It stars John Cusack and Ione Skye and is rated PG-13.

There will be no feature film shown in December.

The following groups meet monthly or semi-monthly at the library:

Quilters – 1st & 3rd Wednesday, 7:00
Agoraphobia Group – 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 7:00
Toastmasters – 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 7:30
North Shore Prime Timers - 3rd Thursday, 7:00
Morton Grove Coin Club – 3rd Monday, 7:00
Morton Grove Historical Society – 3rd Tuesday, 7:30

Everyone is welcome to attend these meetings.

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Children's Department

Dinosaur Derby

Dinosaur Derby, a school-year-long reading program for first through sixth graders, will begin registration on Monday, Nov. 13. Each reader will be placed on a team representing a dinosaur. Scoring for books read will begin on Jan. 2. The winning team and individual high readers will be given a party after the contest ends in May, 1990.

Holiday film

The Children's Department will present the animated Disney film ***Oliver & Co.*** on Friday, December 29, at 10 am and 2 pm in the Baxter Room.

Children's programs

The Winter sessions of children's classes will begin **January 8**, and registration will start **December 11** for Morton Grove residents, and **Dec. 18** for non-residents.

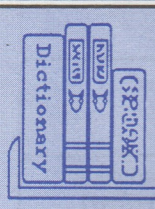
Library Playtime for 2½ Year Olds & Parents
January 11 through March 2
Please choose one of the following:
Thursday..... 10:00 am
Friday ..... 10:00 am
Class limit – 12 and 12 parents

Stories & Stuff
January 8 through February 26
Grades 1-2 Monday 7:00 pm
Class limit – 12

Arts & Crafts
January 8 through March 2
Grades 1-3.....Monday 4:00 pm
Grades 4-6.....Friday 4:00 pm
Class limit – 15

Pre-School Story Hour
January 8 through March 1
Please choose one of the following times for children ages 3-Kindergarten
Monday.....1:00 pm
Tuesday.....10:00 am
Wednesday.....10:00 am
Thursday .....7:00 pm
Class limit – 40

Creative Writing
January 10 through March 1
Grades 3-6.....Wednesday 4:00 pm
or Thursday 4:00 pm
Class limit - 30



What's New in the Adult Department

Fiction

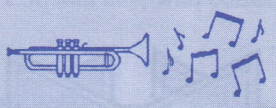
Allebury, Ted - ***All Our Tomorrows***
Anthony, Piers - ***Total Recall***
Ball, John - ***The Kiwi Target***
Banks, Russell - ***Affliction***
Barnard, Robert - ***Death and the Chaste Apprentice***
Berger, Thomas - ***Changing the Past***
Brookner, Anita -***Latecomers***
Chandler, Raymond & Robert Parker - ***Poodle Springs***
Dunne, John - ***Harp***
Ellis, Julie - ***Loyalties***
Goldreich, Gloria - ***Mothers***
Hall, James - ***Tropical Freeze***
Hayes, Mary-Rose - ***Amethyst***
Maupin, Armistead - ***Sure of You***
McMurtry, Larry - ***Some Can Whistle***
Payne, David - ***Early From the Grave***
Pollock, J.C. - ***Pay Back***
Shatner, William - ***Tek War***
Sherwood, Valerie - ***Lisbon***
Stewart, Fred - ***The Glitter and the Gold***
Taylor, Theodore - ***Monocolo***
Vanderbilt, Gloria - ***Never Say Good-Bye***
Weber, Joe - ***Defcon One***

Non-Fiction

Atkinson, Rick - ***The Long Gray Line***
Bailey, Pearl - ***Between You and Me: A Heartfelt Memoir on Learning, Loving & Living***
Barr, Roseanne - ***Roseanne: My Life as a Woman***
Bombeck, Erma - ***I Want to Grow Hair, I Want to Grow Up, I Want to Go to Boise***
Bradshaw, Terry - ***Looking Deep***
Brzeczek, Richard & Elizabeth - ***Addicted to Adultery: How We Saved Our Marriage / How You Can Save Yours***
Covey, Stephen - ***The Seven Habits of Highly Effective People***
A Day in the Life of China
Johnson, Rheta - ***Good Grief: The Story of Charles M. Schulz***
MacNee, Patrick - ***Blind in One Ear: The Avenger Returns***
Radcliffe, Donnie - ***Simply Barbara Bush***
Reagan, Nancy - ***My Turn: The Memoirs of Nancy Reagan***
Shingleton, Jack - ***Which Niche? Answers to the Most Common Questions About Careers and Job Hunting***
Vanderbilt, Arthur - ***Fortune's Children: The Fall of the House of Vanderbilt***

Videos

Bambi
Barber of Seville (opera)
Beaches
The Land Before Time
Major League
Naked Gun
Rain Man
Spirit of Sweden
Who Framed Roger Rabbit?
Working Girl



Compact Discs

Batman - Prince
Carmelite Vespers - Handel
Concerto in C for Violin, Cello, Piano & Orchestra - Beethoven
Gone With the Wind (sound track)
Indiana Jones & the Last Crusade (sound track)
Lethal Weapon II (sound track)
Music My Love - Rampal
Paul's Boutique - Beastie Boys
Pines of Rome—Fountains of Rome - Resphigi
Prague Waltzes - Dvorak
Requiem - Verdi
Symphony #3 - Mahler
Tears of Joy - Tuck & Pattie

Calendar of Events

November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 Baby-Sitting Class 4:00	4
5 Opera Lecture: ***Don Carlo*** 2:00	6	7 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	8	9 Library Board Mtg. 7:45	10 Book Discussion 10:00 Baby-Sitting Class - 4:00	11 League of Women Voters 1:00
12 Book Review: ***Garden of Lies*** 2:30	13 Feature Film: ***Say Anything*** 2:30 & 7:30	14 Travelog: **Switzerland** 11:30 & 7:30	15	16 Book Review: ***Garden of Lies*** 2:30	17	18
19	20	21 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	22	23 Thanksgiving Library Closed	24	25
26	27	28 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	29	30		

December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3 Opera Lecture: ***Die Fledermaus*** 2:00	4	5 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	6	7	8 Book Discussion 10:00	9
10	11	12 **Holiday Travelog** 11:30 & 7:30	13	14 Library Board Mtg. 7:45	15	16
17	18	19 Lunchtime Movies 11:30	20	21	22	23 Hanukkah
24 Library Closed	25 Christmas Library Closed	26	27	28	29 Children's Film: ***Oliver & Co.*** 10:00 & 2:00	30
31 Library Closed	1 New Year's Day Library Closed					

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Mon. – Thurs. 9:00 - 9:00
Friday 9:00 - 6:00
Saturday 9:00 - 5:00
Sunday 1:00 - 5:00 (Sept. - May)

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